

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 695

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Gary Goff on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gary Goff is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for seven years as the president of Roane State Community College; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Goff will be taking a much deserved retirement on October 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gary Goff became the fourth president in Roane State's history when he ascended to the post in 2005. During Dr. Goff's seven-year tenure, the college developed several partnerships, including those cultivated with the Advanced Materials and Training Education Center, the Cumberland Incubator, and the America's Veterans to Tennessee Engineers Program; partnered with the City of Harriman to create the Channel 15 television station and to renovate the historic Princess Theater; and finalized plans to expand Roane State's Oak Ridge campus; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Goff has ensured that Roane State continues to provide a world-class education opportunity while focusing on making drastic improvements in the economic growth and obtainment of higher education credentials within the counties it serves; and

WHEREAS, prior to taking the helm at Roane State, Dr. Gary Goff rendered sterling service as a vice president and dean at Hillsborough Community College in Tampa, Florida; and

WHEREAS, his career in higher education followed his more than thirty years of valorous service to these United States as a proud member of the Army Rangers; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Goff exemplifies the spirit and allegiance community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dr. Gary Goff has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Dr. Gary Goff our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.